

Remarks

Claims 1-18 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 6, 14, and 18 have been amended. No new matter is believed added. Reconsideration and allowance are requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

The Title has been amended to be more indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Claims 6 and 14 have been amended to address the informalities pointed out by the Examiner in section 5 of the above-referenced Office Action. Claim 18 has been amended for clarity.

Claims 1, 3-9, and 11-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over Stupek et al. (US 5,960,189), hereafter "Stupek." Claims 2 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Stupek in Gowan et al. ("Y2k Compliance ..."), hereafter "Gowan." These rejections are defective because the references of Stupek and Gowan, taken alone or in combination, fail to teach each and every feature of the claims as required by 35 U.S.C. 102(b) and 103(a).

Regarding independent claim 1, Stupek fails to disclose, *inter alia*, the claimed "activating a maintenance application on said computer system," and "entering a first list of third maintenance items **in said maintenance application.**" On the contrary, Stupek's upgrade advisor 11, which the Examiner has equated with the claimed "maintenance application," analyzes each network resource 3 currently on the server 1 to determine the availability and necessity of the corresponding upgrade 7, and presents a report and/or

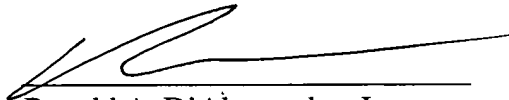
graphical display to the user in the form of upgrade recommendations (Stupek, col. 4, lines 2-10). The user in Stupek, however, does not enter a first list of third maintenance items into the upgrade advisor 11 as set forth in claim 1. Gowan fails to remedy at least this deficiency of Stupek. Independent claims 9, 17, and 18 include similar features.

Accordingly, because the references of Stupek and Gowan, taken alone or in combination, fail to teach each and every feature of the claims as required by 35 U.S.C. 102(b) and 103(a), Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-18 are allowable.

If the Examiner believes that anything further is necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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